

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 597

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the Gentry Farm, a Tennessee Century Farm.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor and recognize those exceptional farming families who, through their dedication to the ancient and esteemed traditions of agriculture, have made significant contributions to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, the Gentry family of Williamson County certainly ranks among those estimable Tennessee farming families; the Gentry Farm, owned and operated by the family since 1887, has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm in recognition of its long and varied history; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Century Farms Program recognizes those families who have owned and farmed the same land for over a century, and also documents and interprets the State's history and culture of farming; and

WHEREAS, in 1887, A.D. Gentry founded the Gentry Farm, 106 acres of farmland located north of Triune, on which he and his wife, Mary Jane McCanless Gentry, and their ten children raised corn, wheat, hay, mules, horses, and cattle; and

WHEREAS, E. B. Gentry, one of the couple's children, acquired the farm in 1937. He married Eugenia Green, and to their union was born Martha, Charles, Mary Ruth, Katherine, and Dorothy Gentry; and

WHEREAS, E.B. Gentry and his family raised corn, wheat, hay, tobacco, cotton, cattle, mules, and horses on Gentry Farm and, when E.B. passed away in 1970, Eugenia took ownership and continued managing the farm's production; and

WHEREAS, Charles J. Gentry took ownership of the farm in 2002 and, together with his wife, the former Margaret Lampley, his son, Wayne, and his grandson, Charlie, Mr. Gentry continues to raise hay and cattle on eighty of the farm's acres; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like the members of the Gentry family, who have demonstrated a deep respect for tradition and hard work and a love for the land; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Charles J. Gentry and the entire Gentry family, whose Gentry Farm has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm, commend them for their dedication to agriculture, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.